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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YUKI MATSUSHIMA : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 09/726,559 :  
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FOR: CAMERA APPARATUS AND  
METHOD OF TAKING PICTURES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Please delete pages 1-6 in their entirety.

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Page 7, before line 1, insert the following:

A1  
TITLE OF THE INVENTION

CAMERA APPARATUS AND METHOD OF TAKING PICTURES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION.

Page 7, delete line 5 and insert:

A2  
DISCUSSION OF THE BACKGROUND.